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In re application of:

Victor B. Kley

Application No.: 09/919,780

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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a), Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue. The issue fee for this case was paid on June 25, 2003. This request for withdrawal from issue is being filed in order to submit a request for continued Examination (RCE) to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. An RCE is being filed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$130.00 under C.F.R. § 1.17(h) to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account, (see Fee Transmittal submitted in duplicate).

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